

Over the past months I've traveled our district on a health care listening tour to meet with families, seniors, patients, small business owners, veterans, doctors, and nurses. I've heard from many people who want the stability of affordable health coverage but also have important questions about what current proposals will mean for them. Their input, and your input, is essential to have as we consider reform proposals.

Improving our health care system with fiscally responsible reform is important for our country's economic future and to the well being of every American. Health reform should provide uniquely American solutions that offer more affordable insurance choices to families and small businesses and allow people who are happy with their current insurance coverage – whether it is through Medicare, an employer, or purchased individually – to keep their plan and their doctor.

We need to continue to make health care more affordable for every American by increasing transparency and competition, eliminating common abuses in the insurance industry, and establishing a new emphasis on preventing illness before it strikes.

If you would like additional information regarding current proposals, I encourage you to visit the websites of the three committees in charge of drafting legislation for the House of Representatives: the [Committee on Education and Labor](#), the [Committee on Energy and Commerce](#), and the [Committee on Ways and Means](#).

As the discussion continues, I'm going to consider all the input I've received over the past months and keep listening to your ideas. I hope you'll take a moment and share your personal experience with the health care system or offer your thoughts on health care reform by [sending me an email](#).